

Six Day Bike Race Ends---Gossip of Winter League

WONDERFUL YEAR IN SPORT'S REALM

Amateur Athletes Break Records and Make History on Paths.

OLYMPIC GAMES IS BANNER EVENT

Jim Thorpe Tops All Competitors, Proving Good in All Branches---Horne Jumps to Fame, While Young Ted Meredith Runs His Way to Glory.

With the greatest athletic year in history just going into the discard, it is interesting to select some men who made athletic history during the year.

Many of the great athletes who stood above the rest of the athletic world after the Olympic games had been cleared away, was that of Jim Thorpe. Aside from his recent marvelous feat on the football field, Thorpe proved himself unquestionably the greatest all-around athlete that ever started on any field. He not only beat his competitors in all-around showing, with a good performance in each event, but he won a majority of the different events of the decathlon and pentathlon series, with performances that would have won a national championship in any series of events.

Possibly, after Thorpe, no athlete raised so much ruction with the record book during 1912 as George Horne, who broke the long-standing high jump record of Mike Sweeney. Horne cleared the bar at 6 feet 6 1/8 inches. This young Californian, who bore himself in a most creditable manner when his record was attacked by Eastern critics, has just about revolutionized high jumping. Instead of twisting his body over the bar with a short jerk, Horne rolls over with a slow, easy motion.

Many have criticized Horne's method of landing on his feet, saying that he dives over the bar, but, though his shoulders and head appear to start from the ground first, when the drop from over the bar takes place Horne lands on his feet as often as the average jumper.

Not One Criticism. During the Olympic competition Horne was watched by the foreign officials very closely, but there was not a single criticism of his style. Horne's failure at Stockholm was due to the fact that he was undoubtedly stale after a hard season's training on the coast, and also to the fact that the change of climate affected him to a certain extent. It must be remembered that the Californian traveled not less than 7,500 miles to compete in the Olympic games, and without a chance to stop in any one place long enough to get acclimated. His jump of over 6 feet 1 inch under these conditions was a very creditable performance for even a record-holder.

Ted Meredith earned a place in the athletic hall of fame, too. Meredith was totally unheard of until last April, when he came like a bolt from the blue, and before his winning streak was over, the Mercurius youth had turned the trick that every American athlete enthusiast had hoped for nearly three years.

This feat was the breaking of the world's half-mile record, that was down on the books to the credit of Emilio Lunghi. In that wonderful race in the stadium at Stockholm the young Pennsylvanian earned fame that will stick to him to his dying day. And yet Meredith is only a boy. His career lies before him. He has sensibly given up football playing and is taking a complete rest from training, after which he will come out faster than ever.

The world's distance honors for 1912 clearly belong to a foreigner, Hannes Kolehmainen, of Finland. This youth from the land that lies under the snow of Russia is one of the most remarkable distance runners the world has ever known.

At the Olympic games at Stockholm he was supreme in all races over the 1,500-metre event. Once only was he obliged to show anything like his best.

YAMADA WANTED IN 18.1 TOURNEY

Japanese Billiardist May Compete With Sutton and Morningstar for Title.

Pittsburgh, December 14.—The world's title for the championship of the 18.1 billiards in billiards will be played in this city on January 9, 19 and 21. George Sutton having challenged Ora Morningstar, of this city, present holder, the diamond trophy, all gains receipts and a purse of \$1,000 offered by Harry Davis, of Pittsburgh. In addition, Sutton and Morningstar have agreed to post a side bet of \$500.

One of the interesting features, however, centers in the efforts to include Yamada, the Japanese expert, who recently competed in the 18.1 tournament in New York. Yamada has not yet consented to enter the contest, but negotiations are still under way. In any event Sutton and Morningstar will battle for the 18.1 title.

CLAIMANTS OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP



Lynchburg High School's eleven. They are: 1. Campbell, right tackle; 2. McWane, right guard; 3. Polindexter, centre; 4. Younger, right end; 5. Darley, quarter back; 6. Dillon, R. right guard; 7. Dillon, L. (captain), left end; 8. Woodson, left tackle; 9. Smoot, full back; 10. Dillon, M., left guard; 11. Lee, left half back; 12. Nelson, right half back; 13. R. T. Grooms, coach; 14. David Myers, manager; 15. A. L. Burger, faculty representative on athletic committee.

ASHEVILLE PLANS NOW FOR SEASON

Meeting of Stockholders of Ball Club to Be Held Soon—Stouch Is Manager.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Asheville, N. C., December 12.—Following the formation of the North Carolina Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, composed of the cities of Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh and Winston-Salem, the Asheville baseball club, which for the past two years has maintained a team in the Appalachian League, is preparing for the coming season. A meeting of the stockholders of that organization will be held within the next few days, when the officers and directors will be chosen for next year. Thomas C. Stouch, who was signed to manage the team several weeks ago, will be present at this meeting and will offer suggestions relative to next season's plans.

HARD SCHEDULE FOR A. & M. QUNT

Season of 1913 Includes Sixteen Games, Half of Which Are on Home Floor.

West Raleigh, N. C., December 11.—Manager W. C. Hopkins, of the A. & M. basketball team, has announced the schedule of the season of 1913 as follows: January 11—Durham Y. M. C. A. at Raleigh. January 15—Elen College at Raleigh. January 18—Washington and Lee at Lexington. January 22—University of Virginia at Charlottesville. February 1—Davidson College at Raleigh. February 6—Emory and Henry College at Raleigh. February 10—Wake Forest College at Raleigh. February 12—Wake Forest College at Wake Forest. February 13—Trinity College at Raleigh. February 15—Trinity College at Raleigh. February 18—Trinity College at Durham. February 21—Elen College at Elen. Besides the above Manager Hopkins is negotiating for three additional games, one with University of North Carolina and two with Guilford College, which will make a total of sixteen games to be played, eight of which will be played at home.

Three of the most important games are with the University of North Carolina, University of Virginia and Washington and Lee, who will be played for the first time in basketball. These games will be the first athletic contest with the first two mentioned universities for several years.

SHOE COMPANY OBJECTS TO BALL GROUND FOR NEIGHBOR

But Differences Are Now Believed Settled, and Further Interference Is Not Contemplated---Secretary Bradley Busy Fixing Exhibition Dates---Partial List Given---Griffin Will Report March 1, Players March 24.

BY GUS MALBERT. Serious objection to building a ball park adjoining the plant of the Stephen Putney Shoe Company has been made, though it is now believed that the objection has been met, and that no further opposition from that source will be felt by the Broad Street Park Corporation.

Early in the week a rumor gained some circulation to the effect that the shoe manufacturers would ask for an injunction restraining the corporation from building the park, or, if it was built, restraining the owners from playing baseball games therein. The request for the restraining order would be based upon the ground that the park would prove a nuisance to the manufacturers, said those who talked in that when games were played employees would be distracted from their work and the business of the firm seriously interfered with.

Langhorne Putney, president of the manufacturing concern, said last night that he had not asked for an injunction, but that he had gone to see President White, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, and presented his claims for consideration. Further than that he has taken no action whatever, and, at the present time, contemplated no other action. It was clearly his opinion that work on the new ballyard could go on, so far as either he or his company was concerned.

Seems Rather Funny. To the average fan, classifying baseball as a nuisance will seem rather odd, if not humorous. While at times employees may become so much interested in a game as to lose themselves in the enjoyment of those who more fortunately situated, are within the inclosure, this happens even when the ballyards are far distant.

As a matter of fact, experience has proved that building ball parks near or at large commercial plants, have enhanced the value, not only of the property, but of the working force.

There will be a wide alleyway between the Putney building and the park. Incidentally the plans call for an improvement which will appeal to all the beautifiers. At the old ball yard, it will be remembered there was one gate for both the white and negro patrons. Separate gates will be provided at the new yard. But there are going to be so many improvements that to mention them all is considerable of a task.

1913 Colts will, as usual, be with Richmond College. This game has come to be institutional. It happens every year, and once in a while the collegians slip over a victory, just by way of proving that they can play baseball. The date set for this game is March 28, just four days after the new report. Griffin will arrive March 1, with Mrs. Griffin and a bundle of yarns about what he has accomplished and what he will accomplish. From then on until the end of the season rather exciting times will prevail. The entire list of games in the exhibition period so far arranged, follows: March 28—Richmond College. March 31—Brooklyn. April 2—Boston Nationals. April 3—McGraw's Nationals. April 4—Rochester. April 10—Rochester. April 11—Newark. April 12—Newark.

A game will be arranged with the team of the Richmond Blues, but the date has not been definitely determined upon. There are still other already arranged, Richmond fans will probably take more kindly to McGraw's pennant winners than any of the rest. McGraw is an individual favorite here, and by himself would prove an attraction, but he will bring with him such eminent personages as Christopher Mathewson, journalist-insurance agent-pitcher; Ruben de Marquand, that eminent Theban, whose antics have caused some mention of his name this winter; Big Joe Tetreau, the Canadian giant; Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. Merkle, who had

LYNCHBURG HIGH DEFENDS TITLE

A. L. Burger, Faculty Member of Athletic Association, Writes Strong Letter.

CLAIM IS ABLY SHOWN

Hampton's Challenge Came After Eleven Had Broken Training, Therefore Refusal.

Sporting Editor, The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—In the rather wide publicity given the recent football championship claims of several rival Virginia secondary schools there have appeared several misstatements and omissions of fact of a character to reflect upon the athletic authorities and to detract from the record of the football team representing the Lynchburg High School.

This school being one of the principal claimants to championship honors, I desire to present the facts as they are and as we interpret them in support of our position. It is not our desire, nor is it our purpose, to enter into any

some part in the recent world's series, besides Larruping Larry Doyle, Josue Devore, Charlie Herzog and a few more who will be trying to land regular jobs. The pity of it is that McGraw found only one day on which he could entertain us.

George Stallings will travel along with his tallies, the Boston Nationals, out of whom he hopes to construct a real ball club. He has his work mapped out, but mapping out and carrying out work is Stallings' best bet. Jake Gansel will approach with his three-time winners of a pennant in the International, Rochester, and bid with us two days, after which Newark will arrive, also for a brace of contests.

Griff is sticking to his plan, decided upon last season, of gathering a fast, heady bunch of youngsters, who will prove strong on defensive play and about average on offense. Heretofore the local club has been put together with the idea of having a team which could slant the ball all over the lot, regardless of whether runs resulted or not. Steve's idea is to have a club of nine youngsters, any one of which is good enough to advance a man at least one base. The clean-up brigade is to be discarded as not being dependable. More hustle and less bustle will be the slogan.

If the outfield measures up to the infield, he will start the season in great shape. Bresnahan, Riley and Newton are average hitters, but fast on the paths and surefire fielders. Griff, though he may have slowed up some, can still handle the club with his old-time ability. That furnishes a fair balance. The outfield will probably be of much service. Thus Steve must figure on getting at least two hurriers to bolster up the weak spots.

Charlie Shaffer, who, it is thought will again have the Norfolk Tars, is in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, his old illness having returned. He was told last season that nothing but an operation would give him permanent relief, and is probably seeking a cure in this manner.

POULIOS WANTS ANOTHER MATCH

Sporting Editor, The Times-Dispatch: Dear Sir,—I am writing you in order that I might be able to obtain a match in your town, and with you would give me an item in your paper. I defeated Joe Turner in Bristol on Thanksgiving night, and on December 1 after which I'll be at liberty to write any man in the world and offer a challenge to any one, no one barred. If there is any prospect of me getting a match I would be very glad to come to Richmond any time after my match with Walt Evans. I remain, Yours sincerely, JAMES POULIOS, Bristol, Tenn.

FRANK DREW WILL PILOT CAROLINA

Florida Lad Named as Football Manager—A. & M. Loses Four-Mile Run.

Chapel Hill, N. C., December 14.—At the annual meeting of the University Athletic Association for the election of officers for the football season of 1913, Frank Drew, of Live Oak, Fla., was elected manager of the 1913 football squad of Raleigh, and B. F. Harty, of Tallahassee, Tenn., for vice-president of the athletic association next year. I. R. Williams, of Raleigh, was chosen A. M. College, of Raleigh, Carolina and A. M. College, of Raleigh, Carolina, contested for honors in a cross-country run of four miles this afternoon. It had been reported that Trinity and Wake Forest would participate in the run, but neither of the colleges put in their appearance when the pistol shot called the runners to start.

Carolina won the run from A. & M. by the margin of two yards when Collier Cobb, of Smith, of A. & M. Cobb did the four miles in 22 1/2 minutes. Carolina had won three other races in the season, and A. & M. had four more. Their names and the order of their finish follows: Spence and Patterson for Carolina; Harty and Wake Forest for Wake Forest; Harty and Wake Forest for Wake Forest; Harty and Wake Forest for Wake Forest.

WAKE FOREST NAMES CAPTAIN

P. G. Carter Gets Honor of Leading Eleven—Fourteen Men Awarded Letters.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Wake Forest, N. C., December 14.—The following fourteen men have been awarded their "W" for their work on the football team: Backfield, Billings, Gooch and Utley; ends, Cuthrell, Daniel and Whitted; line-men, Britton, Camp, Carter, Holding, Moore and Williams; manager, Harwood. Of these, Billings, Britton, Carter, Holding, Williams and Utley received stars, having won their "W" previously.

Yesterday Captain Holding called the team together and P. G. Carter was unanimously elected captain for next season. "Duke" is a junior in college and has played unusually good ball at center for three seasons. He has been elected manager for next season, and has begun on his schedule for 1913. The Davidson game is usual will be played in Davidson College on Thanksgiving. The team will probably play the Medical College of Virginia, which appeared here last season, during the season.

Much interest has been shown here in the class games both in football and basketball. The Sophomores have won the class championship in football and defeated the Freshmen 12 to 10 in the first basketball game of the season. The Juniors defeated the Seniors Tuesday night 9 to 7. The championship game will not be played until after the Christmas holidays ending to the fall term examinations. It promises to be a very interesting game, as the teams are evenly matched and will have ample time to get in good form.

Yesterday Captain Holding called the team together and P. G. Carter was unanimously elected captain for next season. "Duke" is a junior in college and has played unusually good ball at center for three seasons. He has been elected manager for next season, and has begun on his schedule for 1913. The Davidson game is usual will be played in Davidson College on Thanksgiving. The team will probably play the Medical College of Virginia, which appeared here last season, during the season.

FOGLER AND RUTT WIN SIX-DAY RACE

German-American Team Flashes Across Tape in Final Sprint.

WALTER RUTT IS HERO OF GRIND

German Half of Team Jumps to Front in Spectacular Finish. Unable to Break Record, Riders Save Strength for Last Mighty Spurt.

FINAL SCORE

1. Rutt and Fogler, 2,601.5.
2. Bedell and Mitten, 2,601.5.
3. Clark and Hill, 2,601.5.
4. Root and Hehr, 2,601.5.
5. Drobach and Collins, 2,601.5.
6. Grenada and Pye, 2,601.5.
7. Kramer and Moran, 2,601.5.
8. Perchicot and Egge, 2,601.5.
9. Wells and Walker, 2,601.5.
10. Brocco and Berthel, 2,602.1.
11. Cameron and Thomas, 2,547.3.
12. Carman and Loftis, 2,466.4.
13. Suter Brothers, 2,353.1.

The record is 2,537 miles 1 lap, made by MacFarland and Moran in 1908.

New York, December 14.—Fogler and Rutt, the German-American team, won the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden ending to-night. Walter Rutt took the honors for his team in the mile sprint, which decided the race. The Bedell-Mitten team, represented in the sprint by Bedell, was second, and the Clarke-Hill, with Jack Clarke doing the riding, finished third.

The Root-Hehr, the Drobach-Collins and the Grenada-Pye team finished fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively. Root, Drobach and Grenada rode for their teams in the sprint. The time was necessary to decide the tie between these six teams, which, when the time for ending the race was reached, were bunched for the lead. The track was cleared at 9:57 and the final scene of the race staged.

Immediately afterward a second sprint was started between the Kramer-Moran and Perchicot-Egge teams, which were tied a lap behind the leaders when the long grind ended. Frank Kramer won this sprint, which gave his team seventh place, and the Egge-Perchicot team was relegated to eighth position. The time was 3:45 1/4. Perchicot rode for his team in the sprint. The teams all finished within the money, the prizes ranging from \$1,600 for first and \$1,000 for second, down to \$250 each for winners of seventh and eighth places.

Walker and Wells brought up the rear of the nine teams, which completed the six-day race. The six leaders had gone 2,601 miles and five laps, with the trailing pair a lap behind, and Walker and Wells an additional lap in the rear.

The record for a six-day race is 2,737 miles and 1 lap, made by MacFarland and Moran in 1908.

At 8 o'clock the retirement of the Brocco-Berthel team from the race was officially announced. This left nine teams still in the running, with their standing at 8 o'clock as follows:

Grenada-Pye, Root-Pye, Clarke-Hill, Rutt-Fogler, Bedell-Mitten, Drobach-Collins, 2,621 miles 8 laps; Kramer-Moran, Egge-Perchicot, 2,621 miles 7 laps; Welsh-Walker, 2,621 miles 6 laps.

The record for the hour is 2,598 miles 6 laps. When former Police Chief Devery started the final sprint to decide the tie among the leaders, Clarke was leading, and the other riders were trailing along in the following order: Rutt, Bedell, Grenada, Root and Drobach. Clarke set a steady pace for the first three laps and then gradually increased it until on the fifth lap he had the string trailing around at a dizzy pace. No change was made in the relative positions of the riders until the eighth lap, when Root and Rutt made a bid at the same time. They passed Clarke. On the final lap Clarke passed Rutt. Grenada, who was figured a likely winner, never figured, and on the final circuit was passed by Drobach.

Held Back for Finish. The riding during the early part of the evening was desultory, the men realizing they had no chance to beat the record. They obviously saved their strength for the final dash, and there were few sprints. The crowd was not large, but the faithful "six-day sleepers" were all there, cheering hoarsely. Just lustily as the sturdy German flashed across the tape a winner.

The only excitement during the early hours of the night were the repeated efforts of Walker and Wells to get back the French team of Pegibich and Egge, who were tied with Kramer and Moran for seventh place and were one lap ahead of the Australians. Time and again Wells or Walker would start a sprint and have the Frenchmen trailing in short order, but because of bad reliefs they could not make their work effective.

All of the riders stopped and drew up at their camps or at the trackside at 9:10, following a fall by Mitten, when one of his tires punctured. Mitten was thrown heavily, but returned to the race ten minutes later. A report came from the box office that the attendance during the week had averaged 25,000 each day of twenty-four hours. This was a new record for the bicycle races, the total attendance of the week being estimated at close to 140,000.